

CITY OF ALAMEDA
HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD
DRAFT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA
APPROVING THE REPLACEMENT OF HISTORIC STREETLIGHTS

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2012 Alameda Municipal Power applied for a Certificate of Approval to remove and replace historic streetlights; and

WHEREAS, the project is Categorically Exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Section 15301(l)(1) – Existing Facilities and 15331 - Historical Resource Rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2012 the Board reviewed the application including exhibits and documents and has made the following findings:

1. **A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships.**

This project consists of the replacement of historic streetlights with new streetlights. No new use is proposed.

2. **The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.**

The overall height, the shrouds and the detailing of the arms are being maintained in this project. In addition, the proportions or spatial relationships of these elements are being preserved as well.

3. **Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.**

No conjectural features or architectural elements from other historic properties are proposed for this project.

4. **Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.**

There are no alterations to the historic streetlights that have acquired historic significance over time.

5. **Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.**

Fabrication of the steel poles ensures the flutes, color, and the proportions of the light poles are being preserved. The shrouds and arms are being preserved to the extent possible, while ensuring that they are safely constructed.

6. **Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.**

Unfortunately, repair of the historic streetlights is not fiscally possible as it presents a long-term funding obligation and under the current and projected funding constraints of the city. However, a significant effort has been made to have the proposed streetlights match their historic predecessors in terms of design, material and texture.

7. **Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.**

No chemical or physical treatments are proposed for this project.

8. **Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.**

Minimal ground excavation is proposed as a part of this project. If any archeological resources are discovered, all required state and local mitigation measures will be undertaken.

9. **New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.**

No additions for habitable space are proposed for this project.

10. **New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.**

No adjacent new construction shall be undertaken as part of this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Historical Advisory Board approves a Certificate of Approval for the replacement of approximately 700 Pendant and Post-Top Historic Streetlights that display a "16 Flute" design pole consistent with attachment 2.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Historical Advisory Board finds that this project meets the standards established by the Historical Advisory Board and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings on October 4, 2012 and issues a Certificate of Approval subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The scope of work shall be in substantial compliance with details and specifications contained in the staff report and attachment 2 of October 4, 2012 and on file in the office of the City of Alameda Community Development Department.
- (2) **HOLD HARMLESS.** The applicant shall defend (with counsel reasonably acceptable to the City), indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Alameda, its Redevelopment Agency, the Alameda City Historical Advisory Board and their respective agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding (including legal costs and attorney's fees) against the City of Alameda, Alameda Redevelopment Agency, Alameda City Historical Advisory Board and their respective agents, officers or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul, an approval by the City of Alameda, the Historical Advisory Board, Alameda City Planning Board, the City of Alameda Redevelopment Agency or City Council relating to this project. The City shall promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action or proceeding and the City shall cooperate in such defense. The City may elect, in its sole discretion, to participate in the defense of said claim, action, or proceeding.
